Remarks

In view of the amendment to the specification made, it is respectfully submitted that pending claims 1-36 are in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully solicited. Please charge any shortages and credit any overcharges to our Deposit Account number 02-2666.

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